

## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

In Reaction D, an ortho bromo acetophenone represented by graphic formula XII is reacted with ethyl,  $\alpha$ -benzoylacetate represented by graphic formula XIII in the presence of sodium hydride and cuprous bromide to form a naphthol represented by graphic formula XIV. Naphthol XIV is then hydrolyzed with aqueous base followed by cyclization in strong acid such as phosphoric acid to produce the indeno-fused naphthol represented by graphic formula XV.

### REACTION D

